

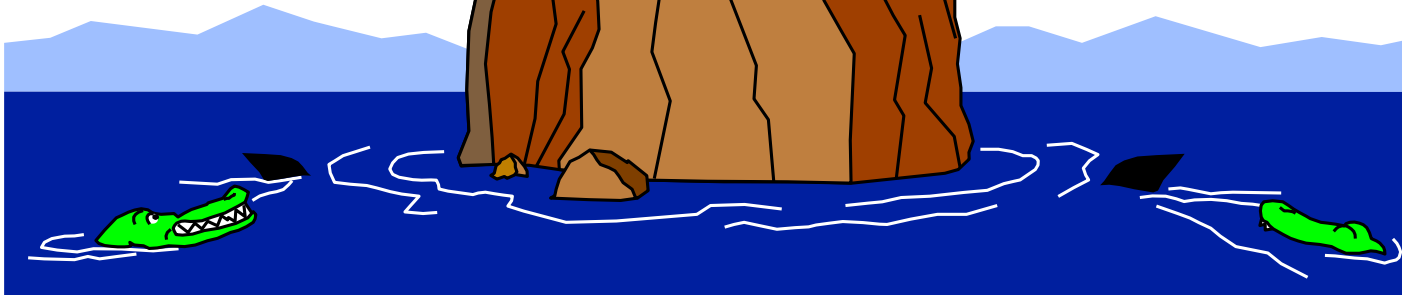


# SYSTEM/ VICTIM FOCUS

**Their Fault?**



**Who is to Blame?**





# OVERVIEW



- **Define Victim Focus**
- **Learn Steps in Blaming the Victim**
- **Describe Factors that Promote Blaming the Victim**
- **Define System Focus**
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# VICTIM FOCUS



- REACTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
- SEES VICTIM AS THE CAUSE
- FOCUSES ON “FIXING” VICTIM
- NARROW APPROACH TO PROBLEM SOLVING





# STEPS IN THE PROCESS OF BLAMING THE VICTIM



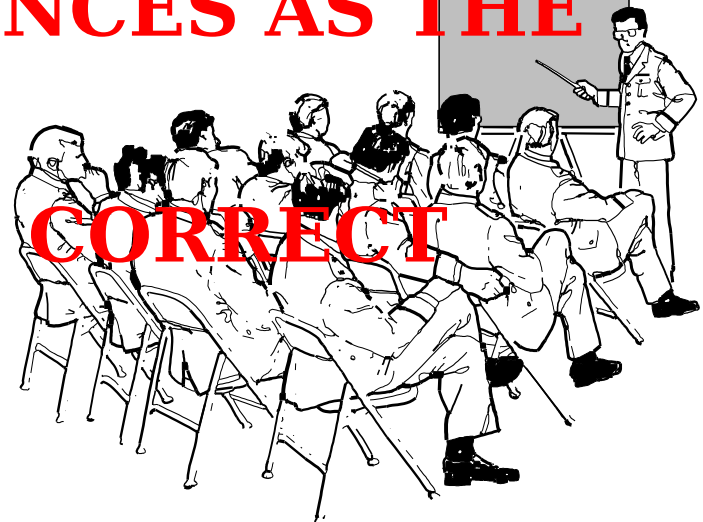
- **IDENTIFY A SOCIAL PROBLEM**

- **STUDY THOSE AFFECTED AND HOW THEY**

**ARE DIFFERENT**

- **DEFINE THE DIFFERENCES AS THE CAUSE**

- **ASSIGN SOMEONE TO CORRECT THE DIFFERENCES**





# SOCIAL FACTORS THAT PROMOTE VICTIM FOCUS



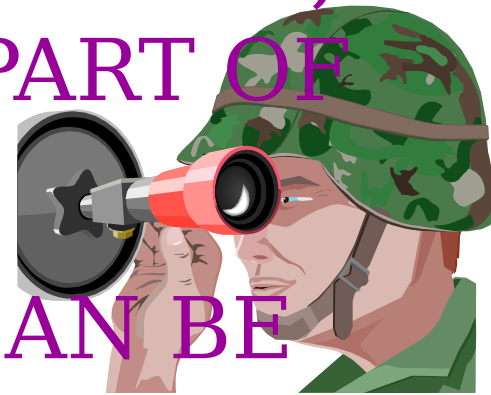
- UNEQUAL STATUS
- DISTORTIONS OF REALITY
- ACCEPTANCE OF  
VICTIMIZATION



# SYSTEM FOCUS APPROACH



- PROACTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING
- SYSTEM, ORGANIZATION, SOCIETY, OR COMMUNITY COULD BE PART OF THE PROBLEM
- EVALUATES HOW SYSTEM CAN BE IMPROVED TO PREVENT FUTURE PROBLEMS





# SYSTEM FOCUS APPROACH



- NOT A QUICK FIX
- VICTIM DESIRES CONFORMITY
- SELF-PERPETUATING PROCESS





# METHODS TO PREVENT VICTIM FOCUS



- DIALOGUE
- ASSESSMENT AND  
FEEDBACK







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